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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method for treating a bone resorption-associated disease comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a selective iNOS inhibitor as a bone mass-maintenance drug to maintain bone mass.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bone resorption-associated disease is osteoporosis.

Claims 10-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The method as claim in claim 8, wherein the selective iNOS inhibitor is used as an inhibitor of bone metastasis of tumor cells.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bone resorption-associated disease is nephritis.

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Claim 14 (withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the selective iNOS inhibitor is used as a progression retardant of chronic renal failure.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A kit for treating a bone resorption-associated disease comprising an effective amount of a selective iNOS inhibitor as a bone mass-maintenance drug to maintain bone mass in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, and instructions for treating a bone resorption-associated disease.

Claim 16 (previously presented) The kit as claimed in claim 15, wherein the bone resorption-associated disease is osteoporosis.

Claims 17-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (withdrawn) The kit as claimed in claim 15, wherein the selective iNOS inhibitor is used as an inhibitor of bone metastasis of tumor cells.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The kit as claimed in claim 15, wherein the bone-resorption-associated disease is nephritis.

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Claim 21 (withdrawn): The kit as claimed in claim 15, wherein the selective iNOS inhibitor is used as a progression retardant of chronic renal failure.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method according to claim 8 wherein the selective iNOS inhibitor is an inhibitor which satisfies at least one requirement selected from the group consisting of (a), (b), and (c):

a. the ratio of the IC50 level on eNOS to that on iNOS is 25 or above;

b. the ratio of the IC50 level on nNOS to that on iNOS is 15 or above; and

c. the ratio of the IC50 level on cNOS to that on iNOS is 15 or above.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The method according to claim 9 wherein the selective iNOS inhibitor is an inhibitor which satisfies at least one requirement selected from the group consisting of (a), (b), and (c):

d. the ratio of the IC50 level on eNOS to that on iNOS is 25 or above;

e. the ratio of the IC50 level on nNOS to that on iNOS is 15 or above; and

f. the ratio of the IC50 level on cNOS to that on iNOS is 15 or above.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The kit

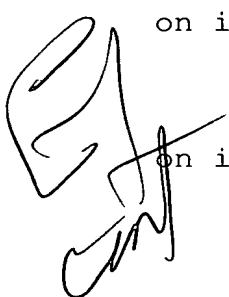
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according to claim 15 wherein the selective iNOS inhibitor is an inhibitor which satisfies at least one requirement selected from the group consisting of (a), (b) and (c):

g. the ratio of the IC50 level on eNOS to that on iNOS is 25 or above;

h. the ratio of the IC50 level on nNOS to that on iNOS is 15 or above; and

c. the ratio of the IC50 level on cNOS to that on iNOS is 15 or above.



Claim 25 (previously presented): The kit according to claim 16 wherein the selective iNOS inhibitor is an inhibitor which satisfies at least one requirement selected from the group consisting of (a), (b) and (c):

i. the ratio of the IC50 level on eNOS to that on iNOS is 25 or above;

j. the ratio of the IC50 level on nNOS to that on iNOS is 15 or above; and

c. the ratio of the IC50 level on cNOS to that on iNOS is 15 or above.

Claim 26 (new): A kit according to claim 15 wherein the composition is to be administered orally, by injection, or topically.

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